EXPLOSION UNDER BROADWAY DINERS

Five Hundred in Panic at Hotel Continental and Cafe Boulevard.

FIVE MEN ARE SCALDED

A belier explosion which wrecked the lighting system of the Hotel Continental and the Cafe Boulevard, Broadway and Forty-first street, shortly after 9 o'clock last night threw 500 guests into a state of panic. Five men were badly scalded, one of whom may die. The injured are: Probably Fatally.

JAMES DUNTHY, 35, a fireman, 225 West 125th street. Removed to the New York

Seriously. LESLIE ROSENFELD, 19, 132 West Fortyfirst street, son of Ignatz Rosenfeld, pro-prietor of the Cafe Boulevard. To Poly-

HARRY LANSAU, engineer. Richmond Hill, on her rare book purchases.

L. L. to Polyclinic Hospital. JOSEPH ALSTER, bus boy Ca

LOUIS KEREKERS, timekeeper, 266 West Thirty-eighth street; burns upon hands, head and face; taken to Bellevue; will

The accident occurred at a moment when the dining rooms of both the Hotel Continental and the Cafe Boulevard were crowded with guests. The explosion of the boiler, which was located directly under the dining room of the Continental Hotel, shook the building, crippling the lighting plant and extinguishing every light in both buildings.

Immediately there was wild confusion throughout the building, a confusion which got beyond the control of the more level headed and became a panic.

In the dining rooms, where many women were dinning with their escorts, the terror was the greatest. A rush for the door followed the explosion and the extinguish-

Tables Overturned in Flight.

Chairs and tables were overturned in were brushed from tables and smashed

in both buildings.

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young Resenfeld and Alster, the bus boy, ran down the stairs into the cellar. As Rosenfeld, who was leading, opened the door a cloud of steam rushed out, badly scalding both Rosenfeld and Alster about

the face and body. They found Dunthy and Lansau on the floor of the cellar. The two men had been blown from their feet by the force of the explosion.

Miss Alice Robertson, telephone operator in the Hotel Continental, summoned ambulances from the New York and Polyclinte heavitals, and positive the floor. clinic hospitals and notified the guests of the hotel that there was no danger. Despite this assurance the guests gath-

ered their belongings and fled into the street, where hundreds of persons had gathered. When the ambulances arrived the injured men were placed in them and

On the first floor of the Hotel Contimental at the time of the explosion seon Sanders, independent candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, was in-structing 300 watchers. They filed out of the building and assisted the management

The boller was installed last year. TWO HURT IN BLAST

Dyeing Establishment Wrecked-Hospital Windows Broken.

and Dyeing Establishment, 215 East the first and second explosions, an inter-fourth street, were at their desks val of about fifteen minutes. 10:30 last night when an explosion

BRIDGES END OLD FERRY.

taking so much of the vehicular traffic and subways and elevated lines are so much quicker that it no longer pays to continue the ferry. The company will continue the line from East Twenty-third street to Greenpoint avenue. street to Greenpoint avenue. It been decided to sell the old ferry-

TERCENTENARY DAZZLE.

acceptation of tercentenary offi-nd Edison Company officers could dam for Rotterdam the route of the tercentenary R. G. Fisher. parade, which will be held to-day.
The lights were strung from Thirtyfourth street and Sixth avenue, to Fifth avenue, to Fifty-ninth street, to Columbus Circle. Then there were more from Third avenue and 110th street, to 125th street, to B. dway.

DE LUXE BOOK BAIT BRINGS WOE TO WOMAN OF 70 YEARS

Letters at Trial Tell of Mrs. Soder's Terrible Dread of Asylum for Entering Into \$30,000 Bargain ... Feared to Tell.

Mrs. A. W. Soper of this city, a woman where. more than 70 years old, who, it is alleged,

thought she was being swindled.

Mrs. Soper's family, it is said, watched her so closely that she found it difficult to write to the book men and sometimes. had to take money out of her household expenses to pay the monthly instalments

Col. Bill Hartley, it is said, played the part of the wealthy book lover in this drama, pretending that he was anxious to secure a set of books which Glenn Farmer was negotiating to sell her.

Fear Made Old Woman III.

The nervous strain caused by the fear that some of the dunning letters from the book men might fall into the hands of members of the family is said to have made Mrs. Soper extremely iii. When the de luxe men were arrested the Government attorneys refused to give Mrs. Soper's name as one of the investors, fearing the exposure might kill her.

In a cold, businesslike tone, Glenn Farmer discusses Mrs. Soper's case in a

Although the letters of Col. Bill Hartley have imparted a touch of humor to the trial of the de luxe book men in the United States District Court, the story of the book seiling activities of the defendants, as pieced together by the Government attorney so far, has its uglier features.

Counterbalancing the lightsome letters of the inimitable Colonel is the story of Mrs. A. W. Separ of this city, a woman latter. I am weaker each day and feel I am fast letting go my hold on affairs. I am sorry to write this to you, but it may be necessary for you all to know later what I tell you now. I have had sufficient to destroy my faith in any one wearing the guise of a man, but I feel you will do all you can, but that may be little enough, through no fault of yours. I am doing more than the contract calls for. You know that the \$1,000 must count somewhere.

"I am bribing one of my maids for ink, more than 70 years old, who, it is alleged, else I could not do what I am doing now. bought about \$30,000 worth of fake rare Please address the receipt for this and books from Glenn Farmer and Col. Hartley the other check to Mrs. A. W. for reasons in spite of the protests of her family, who thought she was being swindled.

Mrs. Soper's family, it is said, watched her so closely that she found it difficult

"First Lake, via Old Forge, N. Y."

the Adirondacks. It reads:

Counts on Dread of Asylum,

"Her daughter was there when I arrived and, although the old lady was quite sick, she saw me and had her daughter leave us alone, telling the daughter I had to see her regarding the exhibition of some books, and in the course of our convergation she let ally what I for already acquittal.

NO HOPE FOR 106 MEN | COLUMBIA ACQUIRES CAUGHT IN MINE FIRE \$500,000 MORE LAND

Traps 292 Workers, 159 of Whom Escape.

Explosion at Royalton. Ill., Buys West Side Tennis Club Grounds From Heirs of Lucy W. Drexel.

any of the 106 will survive.

bodies were taken out of the mine up to Mrs. Two of the partners in the Lennie Clean- fifty-nine of the miners escaped between \$100,000 more than the city assesses the

East River Line Discontinued After
Seventy Years.

The ferry line from the foot of East
Tenth street to Greenpoint avenue, Williamsburg, which has been used for 70
years, has been discontinued by the Interborough Ferry Company.
Capt. James Smith, the ferry superintendent, said yesterday that the Queensboro and Williamsburg bridges are now taking so much of the yesterday that the account fire.

taken out later had been overcome by blackdemp.
In the meantime women and children had gathered at the mine entrance and who were making the work of the rescuers almost impossible. The space around the entrance was roped off, and as the living and dead were brought out they passed through a line of waiting wives and widows from whose hearts hope and widows from whose hearts had widows from whose hearts had widows from whose hearts hope and widows from who

THE SEAGOERS.

Sailing to-day by the White Star liner Adriatic for Queenstown and Liverpool: Parade Route Will Be Illuminated

By 65,000 Electric Lights.

Sixty-five thousand electric lights.

Shough to light Baltimore and Detroit combined were flashed on last right so that a Giffentian of teventheraps of the William A. Hutcheson.

By the Holland-America lines Rotter.

By the Holland-America liner Rotter-Arrivals by the

the building and assisted the management of the hotel in policing the corridors of the hotel and Cafe Boulevard. After the excitement had sabsided the meeting was respended and held in candle light.

H. S. Duncan, manager of the Hotel Continental, attributed the explosion to a defective tube in the boller which supplies.

Continental, attributed the explosion to a defective tube in the boller which supplies. of the block. It was purchased from Mrs. James Brown, manager of the mine, Elizabeth Drexel Lehr, Mrs. Lucy Drexel said 292 men went down to work before Dahlgren and Mrs. Katherine Drexel Penthe explosion occurred. Twenty-seven rose, all beneficiaries under the will of 11 o'clock to-night. One hundred and The university is said to have paid \$500, 000 for the seventeen lots, which is about

The property has frontages of 100.11 To-day's disaster was the worst in the feet on each avenue and 375 feet on 117th at 10:30 last night when an explosion shook the building, hurling them through a plate glass window into the street.

One of the men, Leonard Mack of 207 West 142d street, had his right arm cut off and his left ear removed and suffered internal injuries, as well as scores of cuts on his body and face. The other, Isaac Diamond, of 1332 Bristow street, The Cause of the explosion is doubtful. Raiph Mitchell of St. Louis, president of the Franklin Coal and Coke Company, but the Franklin Coal and Coke Company, said that as near as he could ascertain the accident was caused by the ignition ingside block since 1910, when the seven the accident was caused by the west side Tennis grounds by the West Side Tennis Club, whose buildings are included in the sale. John McLane Nash, who negotiated the sale of the explosion is doubtful. Raiph Mitchell of St. Louis, president of the property would not be made public until title to the land passed. Columbia has been acquiring the Morning and the property would not be made public until title to the land passed. Columbia has been acquiring the Morning and the property would not be made public until title to the land passed.

Bronx, was badly cut and bruised. A driver for the firm, Ellas Milistein of 4931 Third avenue, who was in the deorway when the explosion occurred, was thrown twenty feet, but was only bruised. The noise of the explosion cocured was thrown twenty feet, but was only bruised. The noise of the explosion cocured was the stream of the day shift had just is the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary, More than 109 windows in the hospital were blown out and nurses and doctors and a busy time soothing the nervous. The building where the explosion occurred is a two story brick. Its left wail was demolished, the roof blown off and part of the rear wall was caved in Immediately after the explosion occurred is a two story brick. Its left wail was demolished, the roof blown off and boundardly after the explosion occurred is a two story brick. Its left wail was demolished the feet of collection of the form the miline mouth did they real was readiately after the explosion of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the summoned. The modiately after the explosion the building beautiful than the read of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of collection of the feet of the feet of the feet of collection of the feet of the f rive and made an effort to get into the mine. They were successful only near the west entry, and there fifteen of the bodies which were brought to the surface were found huddled together, killed by the force of the explosion. Some of the others that not used for educational purposes it taken out later had been overcome by enjoys an income of about two-thirds of a million dollars annually.

STEPHANI SEEKS RELEASE.

Commitment to Asylum Illegal.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Alphonse J. Stephani, who in 1890 murdered Clinton Reynolds in New York, was before the Supreme Court in this city to-day on a writ of habeas corpus in an effort to secure his release from the asylum for insane criminals at Dannemora.

A. S. Howne, his attorney raised the

A. S. Hogue, his attorney, raised the question of the legality of Stephan's confinement in the asylum on the certificate of the physician of Sing Sing prison. The hearing was adjourned until November 9.

Mr. and Mrs. William
A. Lowry.
S. S. Morgan.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T.
Roche.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
MacMillan Scott
Capt. A. C. G. Smith.
Imerical liner RotterMr. and Mrs. Homer
Mr. and Mrs. Homer
M. Preston.

The Chicago

Alphonse J. Stephani has long been one of the most interesting inmates of Dannemora prison because of the fortune, \$50.000 left to him by his mother after he was convicted and of which the law permits him to use only \$50 a month. He shot his lawyer, Clinion G. Reynolds, in the latter's office in 1890 and was sent to Sing Sing. He acted so strangely there that he was transferred to Dannemora.

In Stephani's long term in prison the Mr. and Mrs.
M. Preston.

Prench liner Chicago

Mr. and Mrs.
Mrs. and Mrs.
Ms. Albert
Reiss.
Ms. G. Moore Mitchell.

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SMITH WON'T QUASH **CARMAN INDICTMENT**

New Trial Her Only Path to Complete Freedom, He Asserts.

HER COUNSEL NOT DECIDED

FREEPORT, L. I., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Florence A. Carman's trip to Ravenrock, Pa., to rest up after more than a month in jail and a week of mental and physical strain in court on trial for her life, will not be with the absolute surety that she never again will have to face a jury as the alleged slayer of Mrs. Louise Bailey. District Attorney Lewis J. Smith said to-night after a day in Brooklyn, where Justice Kelby, the Carman trial Judge was sitting, that he is inclined to call Mrs. Carman to trial again on the murder indictment still standing against her. He The next chapter in this sordid story is will not consent to quashing the indict-told by Glenn Farmer in a letter to his ment. As the case stands now he sees father after returning from his visit to no other alternative than for Mrs. Car-

the Adirondacks. It reads:

"Just arrived from the Adirondacks, and although I could not get any money or the promise of any in a week I feel from my conversation that Bill and I will be able to do something. One thing you need have no fear of and that is that you will eventually get the ballance of the \$18,000. If we don't get the cash it will be paid, according to contract, at the rate of \$2,000 per month.

"Just arrived from the Adirondacks, man to insist on another trial.

Mrs. Carman had intended to leave her freeport home early this morning for a week at the hog farm owned by Dr. Carman and George M. Levy, one of the defence counsel, but owing to the fact that her husband's automobile was not in shape for the trip they will not go until to-morrow. Besides Dr. Carman and Mr. Levy, Mrs. Ida Powell, her sister, and her daughter, Elizabeth, will accompany man to insist on another trial.

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Freeport home early this morning for a

her.
Dr. Carman took his wife, who is now out

phone and will have a long talk with him in his office in a day or two.

LEAVES BIG SUMS TO CHARITY Alda Many Institutions.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The will of Mrs. Katherine Leavitt of Lakewood, N. J., which has been filed here for probate, leaves large sums to New York institu-tions. Mrs. Leavitt was a daughter of Rev. Ichabod Schencer of Brooklyn and widow of the Rev. William Leavitt of Brooklyn. Mrs. Leavitt at one time lived in Washington. While here in September 27 BODIES ARE TAKEN OUT HOLDINGS ARE \$40,000,000

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BOTALTON, Ill., Oct. 27.—One hundred and six men of the 292 miners who were other half block of property just east line will she leaves \$15,000 additional to the nursery.

Columbia University has purchased another half block of property just east line hospital. In the will she leaves \$15,000 additional to the nursery.

Among other bequests are the Home for the property of the university grounds thereby rounds.

endow ten beds: Board of Home Missions of the United States, \$30,000: Home of St. Giles for Cripples, Brooklyn, \$30,000

DR. BEEBE ACCUSED BY WIFE.

Charges in Suit He Had Her Railroaded to Asylum.

Mrs. Mary E. Beebe, who is suing her nusband, Dr. Silas P. Beebe of Flushing, for a separation, testified yesterday before Justice Clarke in Long Island City that while she was confined to her bed having just given birth to a son, her husband came to her and told her he was in love with one of his patients She said that not long after this he sent physicians, Dr. Archer W. Jagger Dr. Johnston MacLeod, to visit her

Also Imagined Rats, Says Witness. In the trial yesterday before Surrogate Cohalan of the suit to set aside the will of Mrs. Amelia Gertrude Cutter, widow of

of Mrs. Amelia Gertrude Cutter, widow of the founder of the Riker-Hegeman company, who left more than \$1,000,000, Mrs. Wilhelmina Jaeger, a lifelong friend of Mrs. Cutter, testified that Mrs. Cutter occasionally "saw things."

The wilness said Mrs. Cutter once begged her to protect her from imaginary rats walking across the bed and also told be seen but had decorated and be seen but had decorated and be seen but had been better the police Departs the police

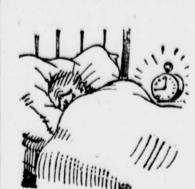
The witness said Mrs. Cutter also ex- places, and down south in Raleigh, N. C. pressed her opinion of George Ramsey, one of the chief legatees of the will, who was a close friend of the decedent's hus-band and is a director of the Riker-Hegeman company and of the Greenwich Bank, Mr. Ramsey gets \$200,000 under the will, and Mrs. Jaeger testified the decedent said concerning the bequest: "'Why should I leave him all this money? Mr. Cutter set him up in business and gave him \$75,000."

The trial was not finished.

NEWS OF DEATH KILLS SISTER. Miss Cunningham, 64, Drops to

Floor on Hearing of Brother's End. Miss Della Cunningham, 64 years old, dropped to the floor yesterday when a policeman who called at her home, at 128 Hoyt street, Brooklyn, told her of the death of her brother, Edward Cunning-ham, 40, of 517 Baltic street, who was killed on Monday when he fell from a coal

wagon.
Miss Cunningham was dead when a dector reached the house.



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took one man and two

boys four days to sort

out, pack up and send

away the samples of

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gone over. Similarly

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NEAR TO COLDEST DAY RECORD FOR OCTOBER

Mercury Drops to 33, Lowest for This Locality Since Oct. 15, 1876.

A foretaste of wintry weather arrived vesterday on a swift northwester that at tained at times the dignity of a strong gale, which, according to the Beaufort Scale, recently adopted by the Weather Bureau, is a wind with a gait between forty-eight and firty-six miles. The air was invigorating as the altitudinous sor was invigorating as the altitudinous sort on tap in Rocky Mountain towns and folks went about with their chests out and their minds full of frosty cheer.

The temperature in the early morning fell to 36 and then rose sluggishly, achieving the maximum for the day of 40 at 2 in the afternoon. Then it back pedalled a bit and at 11 o'clock last night had gone to 34. At midnight it was 33, just one degree above the freezing point and one degree above the freezing point one degree above the freezing point and within only two degrees of the coldest October day on record for this neighborhood, which was October 15, 1876.

The prophecy of the national experts is that before the sun rises to-day the October record will be broken. They expect the margury to descend to a point between

the mercury to descend to a point between 28 and 30 degrees. The forecast for this day is for fair skies. Local cloud readers say to-day will become warmer. "In-creasing cloudiness, with diminishing northwest winds" is the meteorological

The impending coolness was recognized officially last night by the Police Depart-

menu for to-morrow.

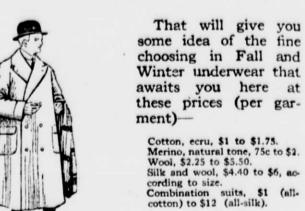
her she had seen her husband's ghost in 32. There were snowfalls in Boston, Syra-her bedroom. the natives were astonished by a flurry

> SAYS DOCTOR HAS SOUL MATES. Marital Views.

vanced views" on love and matrimony were set forth in the Supreme Court pent affidavits by his wife on an application for allmony paraller. A prominent East Side physician's "adwere set form in the supreme Court yesterday in affidavits by his wife on an application for alimony pending a suit for separation because her husband believes in soul mates and has them. The physician is Dr. Abraham Caspe, who has been practising on the East Side for sixteen years and has offices at 210 East Broadway and 1994 Madison avenue. Until the couple separated a year ago they lived at 60 East 108th street with their four children. Their oldest son is a tutor in chemistry, and a daughter, Martha, is a student at the Normal College.

Martha, is a s





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